

Wallsburg News



Vera Doty Landry

Spotlight: Vera Doty Landry was born in Iowa, Jones County, March 11, 1901. Her parents Ezra Elias Doty and Bessie Ann Jewett had two children, Marie, (died at three months) and Vera.

Vera moved to South Dakota, when she was a young girl (11 years old). Then to Canada, where her father and mother homesteaded 160 acres, (Muskeag and trees) in the back woods. Some of Vera's memories include walking to school each day with a .22 rifle in hand, through the woods four miles. She became an excellent

shooter. One day a moose came into her sights and her aim was good.

Vera's father used to play the violin at all the dances in the area. She loved to go with her parents to the dances, because she could dance with all the boys. (In those days, if you came with a young man, you had to dance all evening with him.)

Visited by LDS Missionaries in 1947, Vera was converted to the church. Later, when her daughter, Elaine, went to BYU, she again met the missionary (Wilford Fink), who had converted her. He later married Elaine. Vera moved to Salt Lake City in 1959 and later moved to Wallsburg with her daughter (Delphine) and her family, where she resides now.

Vera's hobbies have included all sorts of handwork (knitting, tatting, embroidery, crocheting). She has worked as a tailorist for Utah Woolen Mills and Deseret Industries until her retirement. Since retirement, she enjoys traveling and visiting with her children. One son (Leo) flies his airplane to see her from Washington, picks Vera up and takes her to visit his family for a few months, then returns her home to Utah.

Vera has visited Israel, Egypt, and Switzerland. She will always remember these highlights in her life.

Thinking Aloud: "Years ago when I had my first job, I learned enthusiasm would take me further than any amount of experience. Enthusiastic people can turn a boring drive into an adventure, extra work into opportunity and strangers into friends. Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote: "Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm." It is the past that helps you hang in there when the going gets tough. It is the inner voice that whispers, "I can do it!"

We are all born with wide-eyed, enthusiastic wonder — as no one knows better than one who has ever seen an infant's delight at the jingle of keys or the scurrying of a beetle.

It is this childlike wonder that gives enthusiastic people such a youthful air, whatever their age. The author and poet Samuel Ullman once wrote, "Years wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul."

Enthusiastic people also love

what they do, regardless of money or title or power.

We can't afford to waste tears on "might-have-beens." We need to turn the tears into sweat as we go after "what-can-be." We need to live each moment whole-heartedly, with all our senses — finding pleasure in the fragrance of a backyard garden, the crayoned picture of a six-year-old. It is such enthusiastic love of life that puts a sparkle in our eyes, a lift in our steps and smooths the wrinkles from our souls."

Wallsburg residents hit with the flu seem to be getting on top of it. Just about everyone has had the bug; hopefully, the last storm helped clear out the virus.

Colleen Nielson, daughter of Reed and Velma Ford, has been staying at the home of her parents in Wallsburg, while her husband, Peter, attends a geological convention in Denver, CO. Pete will graduate with his Masters degree in geology this coming spring from

the BYU. Colleen is teaching school in Spanish Fork. Granddaughter Holli is enjoying her visit with her grandparents, too.

Jim Thompson continues to improve from his long term illness. We wish him a speedy get well.

Volleyball: The women's team have won five and lost one thus far this season. Region tournament begins Nov. 17. The winner will go onto the Provo tournament.

Co-ed volleyball team play their next game tonight (Wednesday, 9th) at the Town Hall in Midway.

Congratulations: to Jay Hortin and his bride Heidi Klein, who were wed Friday, Nov. 4. They were honored that evening at a reception held at The Homestead in Midway. Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Richard K. Klein, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Hortin.

The families of Boyd and Georgia Whiting joined together to celebrate the name and blessing of Holly Rac. She was blessed by her father, Boyd, with Bert Giles, George Muhlestein, Eugene Whiting (grandfathers); Steve Giles, Mark Whiting, Scott Whiting, John Whiting, Eric Jacobson joining in the circle. A family dinner was attended by grandmother's Roberta Giles, and Violet Whiting, and George and Ella Muhlestein.

Confirmed: Kathryn Heslop was confirmed a member of the church by her father Scott Heslop. Joining in the circle were her great-grandfather Vern Wilcox, grandfathers, J. Heslop, Frank Vaughn; uncles Paul Heslop, Dean Coleman, Tom Osmond; friends, Scott Larsen, and Eric Jacobson. Dinner was served at a family gathering later with thirty guests attending.

Baptized on her eighth birthday, Tasha Ford, was confirmed Sunday by her father Roger Ford. In the circle were her two grandfathers, Reed Ford, Jake Thompson, and uncle Dee Sabey, also. The Ford family enjoyed dinner following the services.

